

overlap; said stent having a welded connection at the connection between said first and second cylindrical forms; and

wherein said welded connection is accomplished around the entire circumference of said second cylindrical form.

14. (Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;

said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form and forming a connector thereat so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without overlap; and

said stent having a welded connection at the connection between said first and second cylindrical forms; and

wherein said stent has a first cylindrical form with an opening formed in the wall of said cylindrical form, and said opening generally corresponding to the circumference of said second cylindrical form.

15. (Amended) A bifurcated stent comprising:

a proximal tubular section;

a first distal tubular section, said first distal tubular section connected to said proximal section by connector members; and

a second distal tubular section, said first and second distal tubular sections attached together at their proximal ends by a plurality of flexible hooks arranged around said second distal tubular section circumference.

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Please add the following new claims:

~~14~~ 18. (New) A bifurcated stent comprising:
a proximal tubular section;
a first distal tubular section, said first distal tubular section connected to said proximal section by connector members;
a second distal tubular section, said first and second distal tubular sections welded together at their proximal ends; and
wherein the shape of the connection is different than the strut shape of the proximal and distal sections.

~~15~~ 19. (New) The stent of claim ~~18~~ 18 wherein said distal end and proximal sections are expandable to different diameters. --